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The Valley Voice

"24TH STREET IS A GREAT PLACE TO DO ANYTHING."



Photo by Tom Frenkel

The scene from Castro Street looking down 24th Street on Fair Day. More photos on page 7.

Positively 24th Street

By Alan Bell

Despite cloudy skies that threatened rain, the sixth annual Noe Valley Street Fair fulfilled the excited expectations of Noe Valley residents and neighbors alike. The mood was festive as thousands of area San Franciscans, who had long awaited this day when Noe Valley "struts its stuff," strolled down the boulevard.

Imagine, if you will (or need to), the entirety of 24th Street, from Castro to Church, sans traffic, resplendent with a rich tapestry of artisans and entertainers of every description -- potters, macrameists, painters, stained-glass craftspeople, weavers, furniture makers, photographers, jewelers, tallowists, cobblers, portentologists, pipe makers,

dulcimer makers, wager takers and many more.

Opening to the sun's covert countenance, the street fairers started unfurling their regalia around 10 a.m., while casting apprehensive glances skyward.

In addition to local craftspeople, this year's fair drew artists and merchants from all over the Bay Area. This was especially beneficial for many Noe Valley kids and parents because more than \$1,000 in fair proceeds will be donated to Bethany Church to fund a summer youth program.

However, the communal vibration was passed around ("Sun, sun, sun . . . here it comes . . ."), and before long

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Both Sides Suffer Pre-Election Jitters

Low Voter Turnout Feared

By Corey Michaels

Ed Slevin is a worried man these days. So is John Motroni.

Slevin is the campaign manager for the Yes on Proposition B Committee. He's good at political management, having managed 24 previous campaigns with only three losses.

Motroni is on the other side of the political coin as a key worker in the No on Proposition B Committee.

But Motroni and Slevin share a common concern--getting voters to the polls for the August 2 special election.

Both sides are expecting a tough fight over the Proposition B effort by Supervisor John Barbegalata to force a recall of the mayor, the district attorney and the sheriff.

The problems they have are also shared by opponents in the Proposition A battle--a measure that would repeal last year's voter approval of district elections of supervisors.

Their anxiety is that voters do not go to the polls for special elections in anywhere near the numbers they do for regular elections.

"The real key issue is turnout," Motroni said. "We really will have to work to get out the vote. Traditionally in special elections, there's always a low voter turnout unfortunately, especially in August."

The personalities behind the special election. See Page 3.

For that reason, residents of Noe Valley and other District 5 communities are going to be blitzed this month by pollsters' precinct workers knocking on doors, mass mailings and fund raisers.

District 5, which comprises Noe and Eureka Valley, Duboce Triangle and the Haight, is a principal target for both Prop A and Prop B workers.

The District is very heavily democratic and liberal. A total of 67 per cent of its registered 40,018 voters turned out for the general election two years ago, and District 5 was the strongest in the city voting in favor of Prop T-- by a 72 per cent margin.

The strongest District 5 neighborhood in favor of Prop T was the Haight, which is a "solidly liberal" community, by a 78-22 per cent tally. Noe Valley, rated by politicians as "moderate," favored Prop T by a 70-30 margin.

Motroni said his group would focus on District 5 because "you apply most money and the most effort to districts in your favor." He said campaign workers want to turn out the same number of voters as in the last general election to offset conservative voters in other areas like District 10.

Although District 5 is not considered a stronghold for Slevin's group, he said the area would not be ignored. "We're going to go into that District" for a serious fight, he said, and the outcome depends on "whether we pull them out (to the polls) or they pull them out."

The District 5 chapter of San Franciscans for District Elections also is involved in the Prop. A fight and plans a heavy grassroots drive during the final week of this month.

"District 5 is crucial in terms of the defeat of (Props.) A and B," Calvin Welch, publicity chairman of the citywide district elections group said during a recent meeting at the Noe Valley library.

"It becomes very critical when we consider that 11,000 voters in District 5 were lost after the purge of non-voters in the last general election," he said. That loss compares with only a 3,000 drop of voters in District 10.

Editorial

Perhaps they didn't hear us the first time.

We have already said we want to rid ourselves of the paternalistic succor that has been ladled to us from those who may be haphazardly interested in our lives. But only 262 days since we voted in district elections of supervisors, the electorate is being asked to again declare our support of equal representation.

San Francisco is a relatively small city, seemingly well within the range of manageable cities, but instead of solutions, we are faced with a litany of the same problems that have been around for years -- Muni, BART, Yerba Buena Center (what the hell is that?) and the Giants. As it is presently composed, the board cannot solve these problems because, among other things, it can't relate to the needs (rent control, child care, etc.) of the new ethnic and social make-up of the city.

It is conservatively estimated that San Francisco's varied racial population is made up of a total aggregate of 51 per cent ethnic minorities. That fact in itself makes it wistful thinking that representatives from St. Francis Woods could have a finger on the pulse of the city. A pragmatic appraisal of the political blocs in San Francisco must also consider the interests of gays, women, the elderly, the disabled and youths. These groups have a very real interest in the city but scant chance of representation from a board that is intricately woven to the fabric of corporate interest. And it is unrealistic to expect a group of people who owe their careers to the entrenched way to render themselves less powerful.

The Aug. 2 special election looms as one of the most important in the history of San Francisco.

Proposition A is a straightforward bid for the status quo. Backed by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the initiative simply asks for a repeal of the voter-approved Prop. T, which established district election of supervisors.

Though publicly lamenting a turn toward ward politics, the chamber privately fears that without the one-ward politics it has practiced for years, their game would be lost. If Prop. A passes, San Franciscans will suffer a much greater loss: the loss of a voice in the future of their city.

Proposition B is even more devious in its attempt to disenfranchise the voters of San Francisco. Offered under the guise of a reform measure, Prop. B calls for the recall of the mayor, the sheriff and the district attorney. The initiative also changes the terms of Prop. T so that supervisors must live in 11 separate districts, but must be elected city-wide. If Prop. B is passed, we would return to a system wherein supervisorial candidates are forced to raise thousands of dollars to run for citywide office. A system that inevitably leads to elected officials who are more responsive to their money men than they are to the voters.

But the fact is that John Barbagelata, the author of Prop. B, is plainly concerned with quenching the rage he can't swallow at being defeated for mayor by George Moscone. The recall of Mayor Moscone, with Hongisto and Freitas thrown in for balance, is what this proposition is all about.

In a city traditionally strapped for funds, the fiscally conservative forces behind both of these propositions felt no qualms at spending \$410,000 for a special election to overturn a measure emphatically demanded by the voters nine months ago.

There is no choice. The situation demands that we reaffirm our commitment to district elections. A large voter turnout in District Five is imperative. We, who live and vote in this district, have fought for district elections since 1973. We won, but they don't give up easily. That makes it urgent for us to go to the polls again and tell them that there are no illusions left. The Emperor stands naked.

Vote No on both propositions. No on A and No on B.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

I would like to compliment you on your fledgling efforts to produce a community newspaper. Other than some minor criticism of a technical nature (i.e., lousy typesetting), which I am sure you will remedy as time goes by and you gain more experience, I am quite enthusiastic about your endeavor.

I do have a suggestion to make regarding editorial policy. It seems to me that if you are to become a responsible community newspaper, you must do more than report on one-shot items (i.e., street fairs, garage sales, art shows, etc.). You must pursue, in an ongoing manner, subjects of continuing interest to the community.

All too often we see in the daily media sensational headlines ("'87 Women Raped and Murdered in Petaluma") and then the next day no further mention. I believe that you should not fall into this syndrome if you are to become more than a local gossip sheet. It is important that you become a forum for thought about long-range projects that affect the community.

Two such projects that you have reported are zoning and parking meters. Please do not drop these stories now! It is important that you pursue these and similar stories presenting views of concerned citizens and facts about the ramifications of proposed legislation such as this.

Best of luck.

D. F. Schultz
Noe Valley Merchant
and Resident

Editor:

I moved to San Francisco from New Orleans a year ago and have had the same address here on the fringe of Noe Valley since then, with no plans to move. I'm really glad to see a neighborhood newspaper come into existence. This seems to be the most livable part of town I've found, and anything that would help to give it more of a sense of identity has my full support.

Byron Perrin
Noe Valley Resident

Editor:

I am a mother of two children, ages 5 1/2 and 8.

I would like to see community-sponsored activities for children. For example, a little league team, movies at the junior high on Saturdays, an Easter egg hunt, a July 4 carnival. I feel parents could cooperate with merchants to bring this about. This would also provide a neighborhood feeling.

I feel this newspaper could be a powerful vehicle for community action. I am very enthusiastic about a neighborhood newspaper such as this.

Jennifer Austin
Noe Valley Resident

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'B' SWATTERS SWARM

By Deborah Phelan

The grand ballroom of the San Franciscan Hotel was strewn with streamers and posters reading "Don't Get Stung - Vote No on B", and the room reverberated with the jazz sounds of the Chelsea Ensemble band. Workers for the No on B Committee, attired in straw hats bearing the campaign's slogan, distributed bumper stickers, sold "Don't Get Stung" official "B" swatters for 50 cents each, and solicited volunteers.

Mayor George Moscone arrived unannounced at the June 27 kickoff of the No on B campaign and immediately disappeared into the crowd of 300 anti-B supporters. They had paid \$2 each for franks and beer and a chance to hear campaign chairman Gene Washington denounce "B" as "the most selfish and potentially damaging measure ever to face voters of San Francisco."

The Mayor's appearance seemed almost perfunctory. The man who has the most to lose if Proposition B is passed kept a low profile throughout the luncheon, apparently heeding Washington's observation

Deflating the Dollar: Best Buys on 24th St.

Many Noe Valley residents, living on fixed incomes or frequently limited funds, have experienced difficulty in getting the most for their neighborhood shopping dollar. Prices tend to vary considerably from store to store, making one-stop shopping economically impractical.

Recognizing that "you've gotta shop around," the Voice has undertaken a survey of relative pricing by neighborhood merchants on a few everyday commodities.

As could be expected, supermarkets such as Bell offer the lowest overall pricing. But there often isn't the time or the inclination to wade through crowded aisles and checkout lines. For this reason we paid special attention to the costs of shopping at the neighborhood "corner stores."

Except for Bell Market, which was as low or lower on all items, except cigarettes, than the smaller stores, the following is a breakdown of "best buys" on some typical Noe Valley needs.

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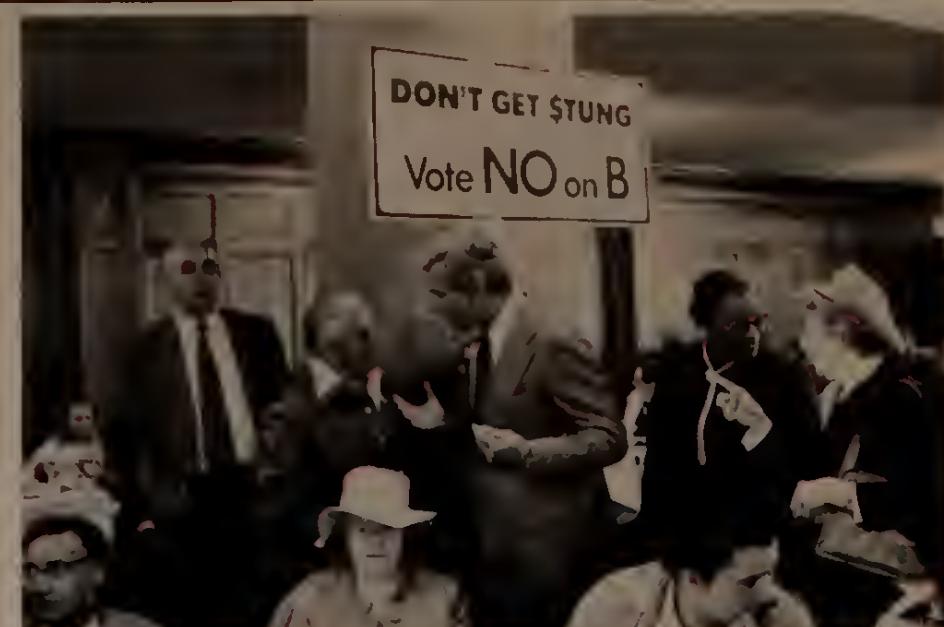
that this is not the mayor's, not the sheriff's, not the district attorney's campaign. This is our campaign."

The tenure of Moscone's four-year term has been threatened by his arch rival, Supervisor John Barbagelata, who is leading the campaign to recall the Mayor. Moscone defeated Barbagelata in a bitter mayoral fight in 1975. Should B pass, the District Attorney Joseph Freitas and Sheriff Richard Hongisto also will be forced to run again in November.

While wandering from table to table, shaking hands, and perpetually smiling, the mayor suggested that he views District 5 as integral to the success of the No on B effort. He said he plans to actively campaign in the district.

"We'll have some coffees and public appearances during the day," he said, wiping perspiration from his forehead. "There's no question I'll be in Five, I'll be in Five for sure."

Hongisto, who appeared along with Freitas, hovered near the door and commented



Mayor George Moscone confers with Ed Ivory of the No on B Committee.

Photo by Tom Frenkel

that he had "no specific plans to campaign in Five...every district should be viewed as crucial. He said he considered the anti-B forces' chances of victory "excellent."

When the band took a break, Washington, a 49er, rose to the podium to explain his view that Proposition B represented "political chaos in San Francisco."

"B, in my opinion, is for Bad," he said. "It's bad for city government and bad for San Francisco."

He described the \$400,000 special election price tag as "peanuts compared to the amount of money we'll lose in

potential jobs. New businesses will not come to San Francisco if political instability exists. If B passes, that's what we'll have."

Washington stressed that "it's not enough just to defeat it (B), we have to squash it," adding that the anti-B forces need \$150,000 for the campaign.

The ballroom had cleared out by 2 p.m., and the No on B Committee folded up its banners, bumper stickers and "B" swatters and moved over to Bell's Rest for a fundraising cocktail party.

in tying Bell Market's price and provided a higher lean-meat content.

Having saved all this money on food, you may also want to economize on your toilet paper purchases. If you buy singles, your best bet is a 37-cent roll from J & J Grocery or Surf Super. If the four-pack is your game, try the 89-cent package from L & F Grocery. Banner Foods' price was \$1.09.

Let's not forget about "munchies". For you Tollhouse cookie freaks, we priced Nes-tles chocolate chips, a 6-ounce bag, at 89 cents at Banner Foods, 99 cents at Surf Super, and 98 cents at Shufat's. A 15-ounce package of Oreo cookies was 94 cents at Bell Markets, 99 cents at Surf Super, \$1.05 at J & J Grocery and \$1.15 at St. Phillip's and Shufat's.

at 69 cents a dozen, while J & J, Shufat's and L & F all tied at 85 cents. A 33-cent cube of butter was available at St. Phillip's, while most others ranged from 35 to 40 cents.

Maxwell House Coffee appeared to be low with a 6-ounce jar for \$3.09 at L & F Grocery and a 10-ounce jar for \$4.39 at St. Phillip's. Of course, no one had coffee prices that were anything short of ridiculous.

Getting back to more worthwhile products, an 8-ounce cup of fruit-flavored yogurt may be had at St. Phillip's for 35 cents (in this case less than Bell) and from 40 to 53 cents at other small stores.

We found the best buy an hamburger (ground chuck) available from The Spanish Shop, 1305 Castro St. It succeeded

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Community Crosstalk

DOWNZONING

Upstairs

When we opened Books Plus, I remember the great fear was that Noe Valley would turn into the Haight-Ashbury District. A lesser fear was that 24th Street was going to become the exact replica of McAllister Street, a long gone strip of secondhand stores. Years later, I noticed that many people were afraid that Noe Valley would become exactly like Eureka Valley. The latest fear is that we are all going to watch 24th Street somehow be miraculously transformed into that horror of horrors -- Union Street.

I have never shared any of these fears. The political, social, economic and geographic elements that combine to make those neighborhoods are not the same elements that combine to make Noe Valley. The gigantic difference between the Union Street Fair and the Noe Valley Street Fair, one week apart, illustrates my point. The Union Street Fair was strictly a commercial venture, put on by merchants. The Noe Valley Street Fair, on the other hand, was a community-based fair, sponsored jointly by a neighborhood group and the Noe Valley Merchants' Association, with profits going to Bethany Church.

Noe Valley is special and unique, and will never be like any of those other neighborhoods.

Over the years, this fear has always been expressed in negative ways. Back then, it was stop a drug clinic, stop a mental health clinic, block a street dance, stop the street fairs, don't allow any secondhand licenses. Today, I see this same fear expressed in an attempt to downzone 24th Street.

Some people truly see all commercialization as bad. These people should not be interested in this current downzoning, but should want a completely residential street. R-2 zoning would accomplish this. It

would send 24th Street back 75 years and make it just another Elizabeth Street.

Others want to prevent boutiques from opening on the second floor. Let me explain here what I see as an economic fact of life. Commercial businesses that depend on walk-in trade, like boutiques, book stores, record shops and shoe stores, cannot make it economically on the second floor, even on Union Street.

Some people seem to want this downzoning so that commercialization (on the ground floor) will be pushed up 24th Street towards Diamond. This would make their properties more valuable.

Now, here is the real problem as I see it. I would like to see most of the residential upper floors remain as they are. But I would also like to see another doctor (we only have one along the streets in question). Under the downzoning, that would not be possible on the second floor.

I would like to see a psychiatrist open an office. Under the downzoning, that would not be possible on the second floor.

I am really glad that the Child Care Switchboard and those other fine agencies had a chance to flourish without a hassle above Linder's Restaurant. I am equally pleased that the Child Abuse Council had its chance above Bud's Ice Cream.

If 24th Street is downzoned, similar agencies cannot open on the second floor without a hearing and would probably go elsewhere.

Can't we find some way in our deliberations to include these much needed services?

Larry Alperstein
Owner
Books Plus

An Invitation

A New Beginning

There is new life at the old Lebonon church building at 1021 Sanchez Street near 23rd (where the Noe Valley Cooperative Nursery School meets)--the NOE VALLEY MINISTRY.

We wish to extend an invitation to all the readers of the VOICE to share their interests and ideas with us. The Noe Valley Ministry is interested in your thoughts on: What are the community needs of Noe Valley? What kind of community do you dream of for the neighborhood? Who is neglected in the neighborhood? What are your suggestions for how the Noe Valley Ministry and this building can relate to and serve with people in the Noe Valley neighborhood? Etc.

Supported by the United Presbyterian Church, the Noe Valley Ministry is to build a new, active, celebrating Christian community, and to serve the Noe Valley neighborhood. We are open to your thoughts and ideas! We are open to people who will help put together programs that are responsive to people and needs of our neighborhood. We are open to people who wish to be in on the ground floor of shaping and building this new ministry.

Call 282-2317, or stop by (1021 Sanchez Street). I will be available from noon to 2 p.m. on the building (Tuesday - Friday) during July and August. Stop by with your sandwich and share coffee or tea or soup with me as well as your interests and ideas.

Carl A. Smith, Pastor
Noe Valley Ministry

Downstairs

Noe Valley is a most unique district with a special character, atmosphere and charm found nowhere else in the city. One of the main reasons for this desirability is the present balance of businesses and residences in our commercial area. It is vital to the preservation of our district that this balance be maintained.

To maintain this balance we must change the zoning from the present C2 to R3-C. This change will prevent any new businesses from being established above the ground level. Those already established will be allowed to remain.

There are over 300 residential units on 24th Street in the proposed zoning change area. Many of the residents have lived here for 10 or more years. If the zoning is not changed, it would only be a matter of time before these people would be forced out of their homes since commercial rents are considerably higher than those for residential use.

I cannot see additional business growth above ground level as justification for displacing our residents. To me, these people are much more important than additional businesses. They are my friends and neighbors and deserve our serious concern and consideration. It would be tragic if they were forced to lose their homes so that further businesses could be established

I have been in business here for almost 30 years, and I am not opposed to business growth, but not at the expense of our residents.

Additionally, second and third floor businesses mean more automobiles, which would exacerbate traffic, parking and pollution problems. If this happens, Noe Valley as we know it would never be the same.

For these reasons I am strongly in favor of the proposed change in zoning from C2 to R3-C.

Harry J. Aleo
Owner
Twin Peaks Properties

Ed. Note: The City Planning Commission is studying the issue and plans to make a decision within a year.

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Summer's the season for splurging and the blend of new shops recently opened in Noe Valley offer customers a mixed bag of wares to browse through, taste or buy. Whether you're looking for someone to repair your shoes, brighten up your home--or your body, or just for a place to spend a few leisurely moments, you can find it in one of these places.

ambrosia

Taste of Honey, 751 Diamond Street, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.: If you've been near the corner of 24th and Diamond Streets recently, you've probably noticed the aroma of fresh baked goods wafting out into the street.

Taste of Honey, located on this corner, is a collectively run bakery and juice bar. All baked goods--cookies, cakes, pies, breads are prepared with natural ingredients--whole grain, unbleached flours, organic produce (when available) and honey (no sugar). All juices are fresh squeezed when the fruit is in season.

They also take custom orders for specific dietary needs, have the expertise to suggest different herbal teas for specific ailments and prepare many goods with no sweeteners or eggs.

An important aspect of **Taste of Honey's** raison d'être is their interest in experimentation. For example, they have plans in the making for cooking classes, showing non-commercial films and featuring a guest baker once a week.

She's givin' out good vibrations

One of the most unusual specialty stores in Noe Valley has been open only three months and already is sending out its good vibrations. The store is named, aptly enough, **Good Vibrations**, and it deals only in vibrators, the toy of pleasure.

The store, located at 3416 22nd Street at Guerrero Street, is owned by Jooni Blonk, who is also an author, publisher, college instructor and licensed therapist.

"I'm not in the business to make a lot of money," she said. "I want to provide access for people--especially women--to get an appropriate vibrator at a fair price."

Until now, most women had to buy vibrators in department stores, where the availability was low and the prices high. The other sources for vibrators was in adult book stores, where the prices were even higher and the atmosphere more lewd than sensual.

New Places to Spend Your Money

By Claudia Hyslop

things that grow

Roinbow Gorden Nursery, 4015B 24th Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Tuesday: Owners Ed Krout and Jim Clemens got their start selling Christmas trees in this back lot, which is now their nursery and happens to be Jim's front yard. An array of outdoor plants decorates the cement deck outside while indoor plants, including many tropical plants, dwell inside what was once Jim's living room and dining room.

Jim, whose father was a botanist, has extensive knowledge of plants and plant maintenance and both Jim and Ed are eager and willing to offer advice and information on plant care.

In addition to their wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, they sell garden tools, fertilizers, (including the "best marijuana fertilizer around"), pottery, redwood planters, seeds and organic pesticides. Also, for the times, they are specializing in drought resistant plants.

Florodora's, 3977A 24th Street: Take some flowers home tonight! Florodora's sells fresh cut flowers daily, from daisies to orchids, and pretty dried flower arrangements set in baskets. Prices are very reasonable.

The store is comfortable, quiet, rarely crowded and is a place where customers can candidly discuss their interests and choices. It definitely does not have a Broadway ambience.

"A woman came in the other day to inquire about our vibrators," Blonk said. "I could tell she had some difficulty talking, so I asked my friend to go walk her dog for a while so we could talk more freely."

"We talked for quite a while. And in the end I recommended that she not buy a vibrator," Blonk said. "She is orgasmic only in one way and wanted to expand her options. I recommended that she (first) loosen up a bit and masturbate in many different ways rather than experiment only with a vibrator."

The woman left without a vibrator, but with some excellent counseling. For that, Blonk is certainly qualified.

threads

Gladrogs, 3985 24th Street, Tuesday to Saturday, 12 noon to 6 p.m., closed Sunday and Mondays: This little boutique specializes in women's handmade clothes, Mexican imports and recycled clothing. You can find a real bargain on hand-me-downs here, or walk away with an elegant hand-made or Mexican garment for a more lavish price.

and retreads

Wooden Heel, 3985A 24th Street, Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Don't throw away your favorite pair of boots just because there is a hole in your sole. Barry Wood, shoe repair man and owner of the Wooden Heel shoe repair store, can fix it. When asked how long he's been repairing shoes, he replied, "When was I not repairing shoes?" He even resoles tennis shoes, as well as boots and street shoes.

colorful crystal

Cradle of the Sun, 1199 Sanchez Street, Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Dan Gamaldi, owner of Cradle of the Sun, has been doing stained glass for seven years, and his

She teaches a course in human sexuality at Skyline College in San Mateo County, is a licensed therapist for women, and has authored three books--"Good Vibrations: The Complete Woman's Guide to Vibrators," "Playbook for Women about Sex," and "Playbook for Men about Sex." She will soon publish "Playbook for Kids about Sex."

Blank is trying to turn around the traditional view of vibrators. Men, she noted, purchased them to thrill their partners with a kinky new sex toy and pre-orgasmic women used them as an aid and, at times, as a crutch.

She prefers to define their function in another way--as a pleasure enhancer and not as a panacea for sexual frustrations.

"Vibrators are not the best thing in the world for everyone," she added, "There are some people for whom these toys are not appropriate."

What kind of customers patronize **Good Vibrations**?

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work is beautiful. "I like doing stained glass," he said. "I saw it was going to be too expensive for a hobby so I went into business."

Prices range from \$6 for roach clips to \$175 for a stained glass ferris wheel which Dan calls one of his "toys." He also sells stained glass boxes, cabinets, panels and an incredibly unique chess board.

eats

The Noble Frankfurter, 4109 24th Street, Sunday through Thursday, 7 a.m. - midnight, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.: Many Noe Valley residents have often lamented the fact that "There's just not anyplace to get a late night snack in this neighborhood."

Things have changed now that the **Noble Frankfurter** has moved to Noe Valley. They are open until midnight during the week and 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, serving an international assortment of franks, as well as hamburgers, beer and wine. They also serve a scrumptious breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. It is the only place in the neighborhood to offer authentic home fries.

plus nutrients

Nutrients Plus, 4162 24th Street open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. It's more than a vitamin store. Not only do they sell an almost infinite variety of organic Neo-life vitamins and food supplements and Natural Gloda cosmetics, but Nutrients Plus also offers a package diet plan for \$80 which includes a food program, several kinds of water-based vitamins and supplements which "take away hunger pangs and increase energy" and diet consultation.

Other items of interest are the **Magic Mill**, a machine which grinds whole grains and kneads bread and the **Cloche**, a miniature green house, which produces its own moisture.

Magic Mill cooking classes and group diet counseling sessions may take place some time in the future.



When you walk in the door of the Noe Valley Co-op Nursery School, be prepared for a rush of nostalgia for P. F. Flyers and corduroy trousers.

If you're not asked to scale the giant plastic cubes or join the roller derby in the "trike room", you're sure to be served a play-dough pie or a dirt brownie.

And don't expect the invitation to come just from little people. The big people are as eager to share their toys and talents as their kids.

Everybody gives and everybody receives in this "parent-child learning place" at 1021 Sanchez St., and that's the secret of its success.

Founded in 1969, the school was the first cooperative program for preschoolers in Noe Valley.

The Noe Valley Co-op Nursery School bears little resemblance to the Ding-Dong School of 50's television.

For one thing, there's no benign dictator of the ilk of Miss Frances acting in loco parentis.

The children's time is fairly unregimented, based on the theory that if left alone, kids will find what they need

They are free to roam at will through the school's four rooms and playground.

There's the "trike room", an auditorium-size space where kids can roller-skate, form a tricycle caravan, build bridges and walkways with wooden planks, play Spiderman on the monkey bars, and be generally rowdy.

In the "art room", kids get messy and create objets d'art in a variety of mediums. The "quiet room", a smaller and more intimate space often used for storytelling, is filled with books, puzzles, games, dress-up clothes and a child-size kitchen. The

'It's not a nursery school, It's not a day care center, It's a family center'

Photos by Hans Wangel



Parent Paul Garvey enthralls most in the "quiet room" of the N.V. Co-op Nursery School.

"back room" is not used for political wheeling and dealing, but is a place for retreat from the Circus Maximus atmosphere of the trike room, a place for solitude.

Outside, there's a wooden jungle gym built several years ago by parents, a four-foot-high cylinder to roll around in, and, best of all, lots of dirt.

Along with all this freedom for kids comes considerable responsibility for parents.

"The school's adopted motto is unstructured for children and structured for parents," said Amina Chalker, whose 3-year-old son, Seyedu, is enrolled in the program.

Parents are expected to spend one morning a week at the school, which operates Monday through Friday from

9 a. m. to noon with a capacity of 25 kids.

This insures that on any one day there are at least five adults-in-residence, each monitoring a play area.

Also, members of the co-op must reserve two nights a month for business and parent education meetings.

The co-op has one paid staffer, Nina Zimpel. Zimpel is reluctant to call herself the school's teacher although others do. She prefers to identify herself as "the person who is here every day."

She makes this distinction to emphasize that the school is an educational experience shared by everyone.

"We are all teachers and all students, and the children teach me far more than I teach them," she said.

Zimpel sees parent commitment as an essential ingredient in a successful preschool.

"The school exists because the parents are here. Parents are the absolute foundation on which a co-op is built. The parents pay the bills, rent the space, fix food, clean floors, go to meetings -- a lot of work -- but the returns are enormous."

A primary reward, Zimpel says, is the "high euphoric energy level here."

"After nine years, the original feeling of excitement, delight and satisfaction can still be sensed. The co-op's not actually a nursery school, not a day care center, but a family center."

Chalker, who has taken on the job of membership chairperson for the upcoming aca-

demic year, is eager to back up this statement.

"We have a real good feeling here. It sounds like a lot of work, but if you are into it and you don't think of it as a place to unload your kid, it's really fun. You get to know your kid so much better. You see him with other kids his age, so you can see the similarities with other children, and you're reassured that he's not crazy."

"Also, the parents get together socially, and some of us trade off babysitting in the evenings. It's like a big extended family," she said.

Time is not the only investment parents must make. Running a school takes money, too.

Tuition depends on the number of days per week a child attends. It's \$35 a month for five days a week, \$28 for four, and \$21 for three.

The school, for children ages 2 1/2 to 5, will have openings this September. You can call the school at 647-2278 or Amina Chalker at 285-5065.

This story would be incomplete without a survey of the children's attitudes about their school.

From a poll conducted of those attending a Tuesday morning session last month, the Voice was able to draw two conclusions: (1) you can't talk with brownies in your mouth, dirt or otherwise, and (2) the kids are unanimous in their opinion of the school: they love it.

By Sarah Smith



Marathoners Joshua Hanse and Rose Callahan turn a few laps.

Street Fair...

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 our Sol-goal was realized.
 Soon even the most skeptical
 Noephiles were thronging to
 24th Street for the fun.

Filling up the musical pot-pourri was a great assemblage of skilled entertainers.

Of particular interest was a group new to the Noe Valley Street Fair this year. "Great Caesar's Ghost," a quintet consisting of two acoustic guitars, bass, keyboards and female vocalist, performed a wide assortment of rockers, ballads and blues with originality and verve.

Cavorting easily through soft, sensitive love songs into hard-driving rock n' roll, this group, with their essentially acoustical sound, had 'em dancing in the street!

Following the sun's westward progress, we encountered a gentleman playing "riverboat-style" tenor banjo at Sanchez Street.

In front of Bell Market was this year's one-man-band attraction, in the person of Hokum W. Jeehs, San Francisco's only tuba and toy piano virtuoso.

In this same area (stylistically and geographically) was an excellent juggling team, two young men who carried on a Laurel and Hardy comedy routine while performing marvelously complex feats of dexterity. They attracted and maintained a large crowd of amazed onlookers all afternoon.

Farther down the street at the ex-gas station, was heard the melodious sound of "Mirage", formerly the house band at Patch County. Accompanied by Neil on bass, Becky and Grady performed various folk and contemporary material ranging from tender ballads to hard, bluesy rock.

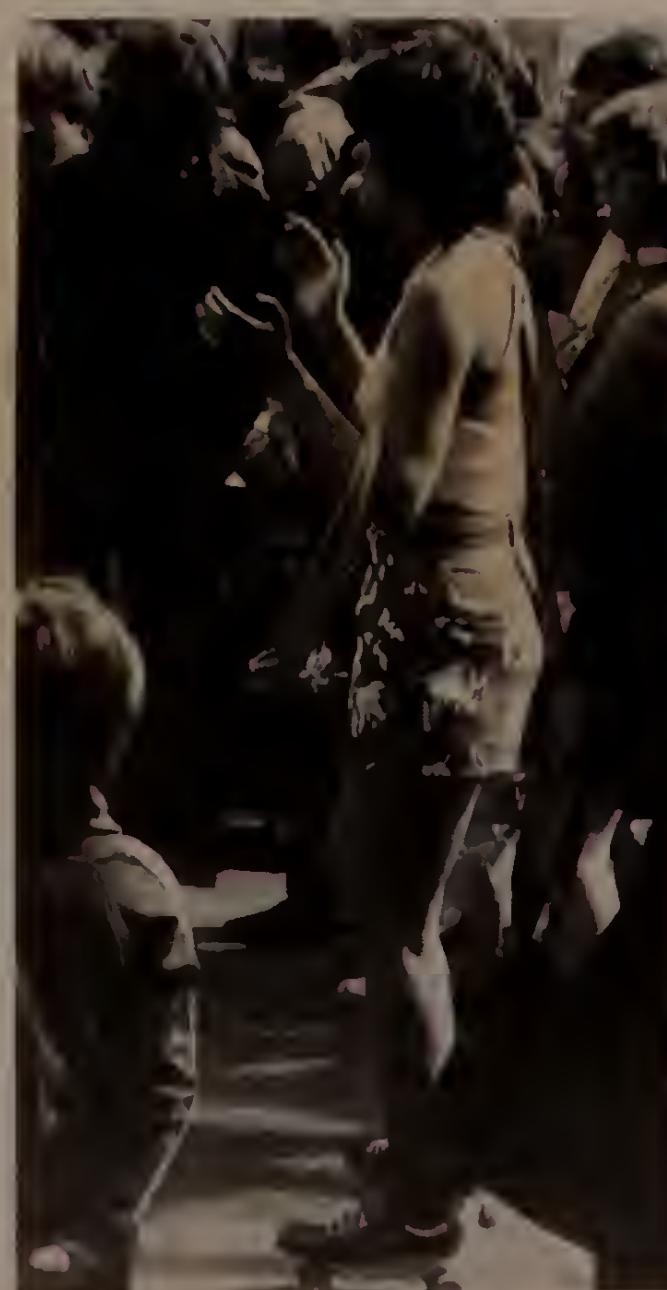
Also providing a splendid performance from "stage-west" was the highly authentic belly dance troupe from last year's fair. Undulating and gyrating to the frenzy of middle-eastern musical accompaniment, the dancers evinced the astonished gasps of onlookers of every age and background.

In another block of the fair, a woman playing violin and a man playing oboe and flute performed a variety of Baroque and Classical pieces, permeating the air with a delightful pastel of harmony and counterpoint.

Until next year's Noe Valley Street Fair, we'll have these great memories to savor!



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The Valley is replete with historical sites, recreational facilities, outdoor sports, art exhibits, and scenic attractions. Here are some suggestions on how to spend an interesting summer without leaving town.

Take a walking tour of the neighborhood, making sure to check out the house on the corner of 23rd and Blanche Streets which has a veritable tropical garden of paradise growing in its front window. It looks more like a plant shop than a home.

Around the corner on Vicksburg, Theodore Scialione has a huge iron gate in the front of his home with a wooden name plate reading "Portals to the Past - Portae Ad Antiquas."

If you ring his doorbell, which echoes through the house to the melody of church bells, he'll tell you that "it's just the name of my home. Let's of people think it's a store. There's a lot of old things in here, antiques, a lot of nostalgia."

Skipping over to 25th and Noe Streets, you'll find an exceptionally unusual Victorian home, complete with a carriage house and a courtyard. While on that side of 24th Street, you might want to stop off at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey Street, to stroll through the garden. If it's around 7:30 on a Thursday night, you can listen to some local poets.

UPPER NOE PLAYGROUND SUMMER SCHEDULE

"We play all day" is the motto of the Upper Noe Recreation Center at Day and Sanchez Streets, and from the looks of the center's summer schedule, they ain't kiddin'.

The following is a partial schedule of activities. For information on children's day camp, sports tournaments and other happenings, check with the program directors at the playground.

Monday	10 to 11 a.m.	Ukelele & guitar for beginners
	11 a.m. to noon	Childrens' chorus
	2:20 to 4 p.m.	Girls' sports (softball, tennis, track, etc.)
	3 to 5 p.m.	Boys' sports (basketball, hardball, tennis, etc.)
	7 to 9:30 p.m.	Adult folk dancing
Tuesday	10 to 11:30 a.m.	Pre-school arts & crafts
	1 to 3 p.m.	Tennis for beginners (children)
	3 to 5 p.m.	Arts & crafts for school-age children
	3 to 5 p.m.	Boys' sports
	6 to 8:30 p.m.	Adult league
Wednesday	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Senior citizens
	2 to 4 p.m.	Boys' sports
	4 to 5:30 p.m.	Karate for children
	5 to 9:30 p.m.	Neighborhood basketball league
	7 to 8:30 p.m.	Adult karate
Thursday	Outing Day - All Day	
	2:30 to 4 p.m.	Womens' crafts class
	6 to 8:30 p.m.	Adult league
	6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	Womens' night
Friday	10 a.m. to noon	Trampoline for children
	2 to 4 p.m.	Boys' sports
	4 to 5 p.m.	Creative drama for children
Saturday	10 a.m. to noon	Adult karate
	10 a.m. to noon	Modern dance workshop for adults
	Noon to 2 p.m.	Boys' sports

By Claudia Hyslop
and Deborah Phelan

After your walking tour, take a rest on one of the sidewalk benches in front of Attic Salt or Color Crane, both on 24th Street. These are great vista points for people watchers-- Attic Salt has a bubble-making machine which spouts bubbles onto 24th Street at the rate of 54 per minute.

For the jocks in the neighborhood, there are basketball courts at the Noe Valley Courts, Dauglass and 24th Streets, and at James Lick School, 25th and Clipper Streets, or tennis at the Dauglass Playground, Dauglass and Clipper Streets.

If you're more culturally inclined, Noe Valley has its own art exhibits. The Mitre Box, 4082 24th Street and Books Plus, 3910 24th Street, both display art work on their walls and admission is free.

Browse through the bookstores. The neighborhood certainly offers a wide range of literature. Leaf through mysteries at Murder, Inc., 24th and Diamond Streets, rare books at Antiquus Bibliopole, 4147 24th Street, occult studies at The Philosopher's Stone, 3814 24th Street, or if you're in the mood for more general perusals, there's Book's Plus.

Stage an afternoon hiking expedition and picnic up to the top of Twin Peaks, which offers a panoramic view of the city. If it's a clear day, stick around to watch the sun set over the Pacific.

And there's always bike riding or roller skating in Mission-Dolores Park.

St. Phillip's Church, at the corner of Diamond and Elizabeth Streets, has free Bingo tournaments at 7:30 on Tuesday nights. If you can't make that, they have games on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

And if you're getting bored at this point with your summer in Noe Valley--here's where 25 cents can help--catch the 10 Manterey at 30th and Church Streets. A mere quarter buys your ticket to a tour of the more obscure but slightly parts of town. This Muni line goes down residential back streets you probably never knew existed, then swings around Mount Davidson, through Laguna Honda and, finally, travels down Ninth Avenue through glorious Golden Gate Park.

So don't despair if there's no room in your budget for one of those fun-packed far-away vacations. Noe Valley has its own fun to offer and it's right in your own backyard.

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Good Vibrations...

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"I've had no real weirdos come in yet. An occasional man may come in looking for cheap thrills and soon leaves disappointed."

Blank was pleased that 50 percent of her customers are men who are not into cheap thrills. "Some come in to buy a vibrator as a gift for a woman, others for enhancing their own relationships. Recently gay men have discovered my shop," she said.

"More and more women are sharing about their sexuality with each other and when they discover my store, they spread the word through the women's community grapevine."

Good Vibrations also has a museum collection of vibrators which Joani has found at garage sales and flea markets. Some of these devices resemble hair dryers or blenders more than modern vibrators.

"I wanted to collect something unusual and inexpensive so vibrators seemed to be a natural."

The museum is interesting and displays the technological advances made in pleasure enhancing toys in the last few decades.

Far the 35 different vibrators she carries, prices range from \$1 for the smallest battery powered vibrator to \$24 for the most expensive electric powered vibrator. Her prices are much lower than in adult book stores and somewhat less than the department stores. A one-battery 7-inch vibrator sells for \$1.50. In porno stores, it sells for up to \$7.

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Neighborhood Groups

THIRD OF A SERIES

By Deborah Phelan

The Noe Valley Merchants' Association, which consisted of only five merchants at its inception in 1959, is a corporation now comprised of 60 local business people.

Among the group's founding members are Horace Thurlow of Thurlow Realty, the organization's first president; Eugene Tuggey of Tuggey's Hardware; and William Ver Brugge of Ver Brugge's Meats.

Bob St. Clair, owner of St. Clair's Liquors and current president of the association, has been a member of the group for 17 years.

"We're chartered," he said of NVMA. "We're a corporation. Most of the neighborhood groups are just a handful of people."

St. Clair said promoting "interest on the street for the betterment of the community" is a primary function of his organization.

"People in Noe Valley want a well-rounded commercial street," he said. "They want to be provided the services which we can afford them."

The association's major project since January has been organizing the annual Noe Valley Street Fair, which they co-sponsored this year

with the Friends of Noe Valley. The associations donated half of the fair's proceeds to the Bethany Church for a summer youth program.

Second vice president Eileen McCabe, who owns East of the Sun, said the Merchants' Association "would like to promote the street in terms of its being a fun shopping area."

Members of the association are considering remaining open late one night a week, she said. McCabe is already experimenting with later business hours at her shop and says the amount of business she is getting is proving the idea worthwhile.

"We'd like to get more security on the street," she said, "so that people won't be afraid to come out at night."

The Merchants' Association plans to have a meeting soon to discuss their views on the proposed downzoning of 24th Street.

"We don't want it completely downzoned," McCabe said. "We'd like the option to have second-story businesses. We would like more professional services on second stories."

McCabe said the organization is also considering staging a celebration during Christmas for the entire community.

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Eating In

Nuts to You

By Lynne Meyerson

WHERE TO GET THEM:

Most varieties of nuts can be found in large grocery stores, but a better selection, and sometimes cheaper price, is available at local "health food" and specialty shops.

OH's Fine Foods at Mission and 23rd Streets is fantastic for nuts. There you can find shelled and unshelled, all unsalted (essential for baking and cooking) and quite a selection. Pistachios, filberts, also known as hazelnuts, walnuts, pecans, Brazil nuts, almonds, cashews (good buy on pieces), and of course peanuts.

Real Foods on 24th Street offers a good stock as well as the Noe Valley Community Store at Sanchez and 29th Streets. Bell Market, Colo and Sofevo stock nuts, but not the many varieties as the smaller stores.

If you are in the market for macadamias, the creme de la creme of the nut world, go to Morrow's Nut House at 111 Geary Street downtown.

WHAT TO DO WITH THEM:

Chop unsalted pistachios very fine and sprinkle on top of a tart, pie or cake. If you rub off the brown skins of the nut you will be left with the lovely green color which makes an elegant garnish to any baked good.

Grate whole Brazil nuts onto a fresh fruit and yogurt salad, or add a handful of chopped pecans and some sliced bananas to your next batch of pancake batter. Float some whole pecans on the heated maple syrup.

There is no need to confine nuts to confections:

Add finely chopped peanuts to a cucumber and celery salad. Make a light dressing of lemon juice and honey. Add a pinch of coriander and let marinade for a few hours before serving. Garnish with lemon slices.

Add pulverized walnuts or pine nuts to a pesto sauce for pasta.

Mix any combination of shopped nuts with fresh or dried fruit in a bread or rice stuffing for fish or fowl.

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Down in the Valley

The wind-tossed clouds swelled in milky effulgence across the tops of Twin Peaks as Amanda rocked in a swing in Douglass Playground, watching Jason's vain attempts to disengage his kite from its loft in one of the trees. She pulled her coat closer around her.

"Jason, forget it, will you?" she pleaded. "It's freezing out here and besides, I want to talk with you."

"In a minute." He gave a few more desperate tugs at the string, then shook his head in disgust.

"I've had that kite for two years," he moaned. "She's been all over the USA with me. She's sailed over the Mississippi, Lake Erie, the Badlands." He looked back at the tree.

"Jason, I really have to talk with you. I'm getting nervous about this whole thing."

"What whole thing?"

"Haven't you heard anything I've said all day?"

"Oh, you mean Latimor? I wouldn't worry about that."

They left the playground and walked down Clipper Street towards Amanda's house as Jason occasionally cast a wistful glance backward toward his favorite trapped toy.

"He calls me almost every day, inviting me to seances, lectures. Last week he tried to convince me to go through a rebirthing with him."

"I think it sounds interesting." Jason followed Amanda into her house and plopped into his favorite chair. "What are you so afraid of?"

Amanda tossed her jacket onto the sofa and sat on the floor, hugging her knees to her chin. "I don't know. Ever since the first time we met, the way he knew about that ad in the Meat Market...." She paused. "I just feel uncomfortable around him, as though he sees right through me."

A month had passed since Jason had introduced Amanda to the psychic Philip Latimor. He had unnerved her at their first meeting by mystically divining from her subconscious information about a flat-sharing ad she had just answered. He had further shocked her by informing her that the flat was haunted. They had seen each other frequently since then, far even though he made Amanda feel uneasy, she was inexplicably intrigued and attracted by him.

She reached into her purse for her cigarettes. "Friday night he offered to rent me a room in his house. He took me upstairs to see it. It was a beautiful pink room with a gorgeous old doll sitting on the bed. It would have been just perfect for a little girl."

"Did you say you'd take it?"

"Of course not." Amanda's voice became desperate. "The other night after we went to the trance lecture at The Philosopher's Stone, he started talking about regressing me." She took a deep drag on her cigarette. "He thinks we were lovers in a past life, and he says he recognized me the instant I walked into his house that day. I'm scared, Jason."

"Oh, come on now, Amanda." Jason picked up the latest copy of New West Magazine. "If he scares you so much, why don't you just stop seeing him?"

"That's just it. Every time he calls, I tell myself I'm not going to go over there, but suddenly I find myself accepting. I just can't explain it."

"Maybe I should start getting jealous."

"Oh, Jason, he's old enough to be my father."

Amanda jumped as the phone rang. "That's probably him right now."

Jason followed her into the hall and leaned against the wall in the doorway as she answered the phone.

"Amanda?" She recognized the voice immediately and nodded her head at Jason. A nervous knot formed suddenly in her stomach as Latimor invited her to dinner.

A friend of his had just arrived from New Orleans, a professor of parapsychology at a university there. "He would be the ideal person to regress you, Amanda."

"But Jason's here," Amanda offered feebly.

"Well, bring him along. See you both at seven. Oh, and Amanda, do tell him I'm sorry about his kite." He hung up before giving her a chance to react.

Dinner was brussels sprouts from Quiche and Carry. Afterwards they sat sipping wine in the living room. Latimor's friend,

By Deborah Phelan

James Watson, had an engaging, humorous personality. He and Latimor had met at an astrology convention in London in 1968. Although overtly different in temperament, they both had the same overwhelming preoccupation with the occult which was the cornerstone of their friendship. Amanda found herself relaxing at the light conversation, and they began talking about the lure of San Francisco. Amanda laughingly told about moving to Noe Valley.

"I got off the J Church on 24th Street and it was almost like a *deja vu*. I knew right away that I just had to live here."

"Where were you born, Amanda?" Watson was watching her intently from across the room. She felt vaguely apprehensive, realizing he had been purposefully directing the conversation towards this point. She began twirling a strand of hair around her finger. "Connecticut," she said. It was almost a question.

"What brought you out to California?"

"I don't know." She laughed nervously. "I always felt like I belonged here." She glanced at Latimor, who was smiling at her gently, his eyes alight with affection.

"Have you ever been hypnotized before?" Watson's question was casual but her eyes sought out Jason's for emotional support. He smiled at her encouragingly, obviously excited at the turn in the conversation. For a moment she thought, this is really like a scene from *Rosemary's Baby*, remembering how Rosemary's husband had been part of the conspiracy.

"No," she told Watson. Her hand trembled as she lit another cigarette.

"Would you like to try it?"

She saw Jason and Latimor exchange glances and thought, something is going on here, it's not just my imagination. She sunk deeper into her chair, like a child hiding from some invisible danger. She felt her consciousness slip into that dream-like state she reserved for threatening situations.

"I don't know." Her voice shook slightly with fear and uncertainty.

Jason jumped to his feet, thrilled by the idea. "Oh yes, let's hypnotize Amanda." He looked at Amanda appealingly. "Come on, honey, it'll be fun."

Amanda felt terrified, realizing she had no will at the moment, that she was going to agree to the experiment. She smiled shakily at Jason.

"There's nothing to be afraid of, dear." Latimor's voice seemed to come out of a vacuum; it seemed so far away. "Just relax."

And then Watson was walking towards her, reaching into his vest for his pocket watch.

"Relax, Amanda." He stood before her and began swinging the watch slowly back and forth in front of her face. "Keep your eyes on the watch and concentrate on what I am saying."

Her gaze focused on the swaying object before her, and her eyes began to feel heavy, it was difficult to keep them open. From somewhere which seemed miles away she heard Watson counting slowly backwards from ten.

"It's July 17 and the year is 1954," he said, after a few moments of silence. "How old are you, Amanda?"

Her voice changed to that of a little girl as she answered, "Four, I'm four."

"And where are you now, Amanda?" Beads of perspiration began forming on Amanda's forehead as she began rocking slowly back and forth hugging her knees.

"Amanda . . ." Watson prodded, but she had curled into a fetal position and was sucking her thumb.

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July 5 - Summer classes, Mission Center, S.F. Community College District. Free tuition. For schedule of classes call 648-1415.

July 7 Victorian house model-making for ages 5 and older, Noe Valley Branch Library, 451 Jersey St., 2 p.m. Parents welcome.

July 7 Films for kids, Noe Valley Library. 1:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5; 3:30 p.m. for ages 6 and older.

July 11 Introduction to Cervical Self-Examination, S.F. Women's Health Center, 3789 - 24th St., 7:30 p.m. \$1.50 donation.

July 11 Noe Valley Merchants' Association meeting on Prop. A & B on downzoning, Noe Valley Library, 8 p.m.

July 14 Friends of Noe Valley meeting. Call 282-1071 for details.

July 17 Kenneth Patchen's poetry and poster art; readings by Miriam Patchen. Books Plus, 3910 - 24th St., 2 to 5 p.m.

July 21 Films for kids, Noe Valley Library (see July 7).

July 24 Book party for Jerry Rasen, author of "The Carmen Miranda Memorial Flogpale," Books Plus, 2 to 5 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

San Franciscans for District Electors, District Five. Regular meetings held Sunday evenings. Call Maxime Newman, 665-4050, for time and place.

At the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St.:

- Community garden work days, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Potluck lunch.
- Story hour for children ages 3 to 5 Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- "Listen and Imagine," story readings for ages 6 to 10, Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- Poetry readings, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Open mike plus guest poets.

Live jazz, The Connection, 1199 Church St., Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 to 2 p.m.

Pool Tournaments, The Jury Room, 4026 - 24th St., Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

NOE VALLEY CINEMA

(Films are shown Saturdays at 8 p.m. at James Lick Auditorium, 25th and Noe Streets. \$1 for members, \$1.50 general admission.)

July 2 "The Pumpkin Eater" starring Anne Bancroft and Peter Finch; "A Chairy Tale" short.

July 9 "The General" with Buster Keaton; "Liberty" starring Laurel and Hardy.

July 16 "The Blue Angel" directed by Van Sternberg and starring Marlene Dietrich; "Rain" short.

July 23 "The Little Foxes," screenplay by Lillian Hellman, starring Bette Davis; "The Sunshine Makers" short.

July 30 "The Blood of a Poet" by Cocteau and other experimental films.

The Season That Was

By Bill "Beanball" Leeman

There were few disappointments for the Noe Valley teams in the spring season of the City Softball League. The five neighborhood teams fared well, having a combined total of 26 wins against only 13 losses, and that kind of record is not to be scoffed at.

Patch County's team was the biggest disappointment, winning only two games while losing five. We'll probably never know the reasons for this as informed sources report that the team has broken up and several players have moved out of the Bay Area. Hopefully, Patch County will form another team for the summer league--they may as well because for them, anyway, there's no place to go but up.

The Jury Room's 'A' team, the Mets, played 500 ball, posting a record of 4 wins and 4 defeats. Now that may not seem too good but keep in mind that if either the Giants or the A's played that well maybe they could get someone to attend a couple of their games. Considering the fact that the Mets were in a "stacked" league (ringers on every team) they did just fine.

The Finnegan's Wake Rippers wound up in second place (no cigar) in the 'C' league with a 6-2 record which, although slightly disappointing, wasn't bad considering it was their first season together as a team, and they did have the distinction of handing the first place team their only loss.

George's Noe Valley Auto in the 'D' league finished the season with a very respectable record of 6 wins and 2 losses, also clinching second place in their division.

For all these teams the season is over, and now the players, managers and coaches can get back to their serious drinking until late August when the summer season begins. But for the Jury Room Misfits, the fun is just beginning as they devastated their opponents, winning all eight of their league games handily. They suffered their only loss of the season in an exhibition game against Finnegan's Rippers.

The Misfits now go to the playoffs and a chance for first place among the approximately 100 teams in the 'D' league. The pressure will be on in the playoffs, though, as one loss constitutes the end.

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